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The Campaign To Discredit U.S. Military

ENEMY at this time. Is he exclusively military. He is far more — he is a political enemy, a psychological enemy, he is a domestic enemy, he is a subversive enemy. No facet of our country has a many-sided potential for persecution against our country as is possessed by a military which seems to defend the Communist Party.

Since the threat is not exclusively military, a military defense alone is insufficient to meet the threat.

Every American citizen must know the war against communism is for us to win, and the only wage war against communism unless he understands the nature and tactics of communism. The military leadership, therefore, in order to perform its duties in which he is sworn, has the responsibility of informing not only his troops, but the American public concerning the real nature of the communist threat.

INDICATIONS ARE that our military leaders are doing an increasingly effective job in this regard.

There is no question but that the communists are feeling the pinch from the efforts of military leaders to inform their troops and the American public about communism.

The best evidence takes the form of an organized campaign, commencing initially with the communists, themselves, to discredit and intimidate the military leadership of our country.

RECENTLY the beginnings of the work, either in Pravda or in the West, with a slander sheet called The Overseas Weekly, have apparently had as its primary purpose the general discrediting of United States servicemen and their leadership in Europe, and particularly those of the 10th Infantry Division. As a result, the Overseas Weekly has undertaken a campaign to discredit the anti-communist indoctrination program of the 24th Infantry Division and its commander at the time, General Edwin Walker.

campaign to discredit military leaders which was to follow at whatever the success of the effort in this particular instance gave birth to the idea for the general campaign. Whichever was the case, the general campaign thereafter commenced in earnest. As is often the case with such moves, the origin in this country is found in a successor to The Daily Worker, official organ of the Communist Party USA.

IN THE JUNE 4, 1961, issue of The Worker on page 1, there appeared an article entitled "Military Discusses New Move." This article is a flagrant attack on the top military leadership of our country. Among those named are: General Arthur G. Trudeau, Chief of Research and Development of the Army, and now under consideration for a position of higher responsibility; Admiral Arleigh Burke, Chief of Naval Operations; and General Maxwell Taylor, Military Adviser to the President.

Included in this attack were also Mr. William C. Sullivan, Chief Inspector in the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Mr. Lyndon B. Kirkpatrick Jr., Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Agency.

IN THE NEW YORK TIMES of



June 12, 1961, there appeared an article entitled "Right Wing Officers Working on Pentagon" by G. C. Phil. This article, obviously an exercise in propaganda to high officials in the Pentagon, the hope that the other example of General Walker "will have a restraining effect on military mind which will in the end result in the creation of a new and better government for them." Immediately following the attribution of this hope to high officials at the Pentagon is a very significant quote from Arthur Sylvester, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, to the effect that, and I quote from the article, "No other disciplinary actions are being considered now."

The design and propensities of this article for the intimidation of military leaders is so evident and so manifest.

MANY ARTICLES along this line have appeared in the communist organ, The Worker. One of particular significance, however, appeared in the July 18, 1961, issue of The Worker and was written by G. C. Phil, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA. It points out how much the Defense Department's indoctrination program is hurting the cause of communism. This article is entitled, "The Ultra-Right, Kennedy, and Role of the Program." A caption at the top of the article leaves no doubt as to the significance which the Communist Party gives to its efforts to discredit our military leaders. The caption reads, and I quote, "Our Readers are invited to Send in Their Views and Comments on This Important Policy Statement by G. C. Phil."

IT IS significant that one of the principal targets of this article is the directive of the National Security Council in 1955, authorizing and creating the institution of an indoctrination program by the Armed Forces concerning communism.

The inclusion of the author of this article, General G. C. Phil, in the Communist Party USA, of no small significance.

Paris on April 26, 1961.

It is significant that the campaign to discredit our military leaders has spread far beyond the confines of the Communist Party. It is not limited to the June 17 article in The New York Times. On June 28, 1961, there appeared in the Washington Post and Times Herald an article by Margolis Childs entitled "Birchings Find Allies in Military." The essence of this article is criticism of the military for overstepping the traditional bounds of military propriety by speaking bluntly about the total nature of communist surrender authority of the directive of 1955.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE to determine by what standards the Department of Defense now judges the anti-communist indoctrination material, the use of which is to be permitted military leaders.

It is obvious that the campaign to discredit the military personnel has had and is having an impact on the informational programs participated in by our military personnel.

At least one concrete example is available which proves that the anti-communist informational program for the armed services is seriously weakened.

Some time ago the Defense Department made a decision that the film entitled "Operation Abolition" should no longer be used for showing to military personnel. This film is a documentary of the communist inspired demonstrations against the House Un-American Activities Committee in San Francisco in 1950 which, incidentally, I witnessed in person. This film is an excellent object lesson in one of the many facets of communist tactics and is highly effective in demonstrating the menace of communism and the means by which the communists seek to accomplish their goals.

THE FILM "Operation Abolition," according to the Defense Department is "controversial." It is "controversial" only because the communists and those naive enough to swallow the communist propaganda have raised a hue and cry.

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... Mr. SALTONSTALL. Mr. President, I am interested in the Middle Eastern Affairs, Islamic Affairs, and Far Eastern Affairs. I am working with the U.S. Information Agency, which we work closely, is Dr. Joseph ... chief program executive of its ... Private Cooperation, whom I'd like ...

... up the telephone, and scarcely ... time to reflect on Dr. Fritters's ... appropriate surname when in ...

... job is to interest people like Roger ... program," he said. "In just 4 ... in office, he has come up with a ... thinking that has pleased us no end. ... people can operate more easily than ... government in this field, since they ... broader franchise. For example, the ... sends books around, but it isn't em- ... to buy titles of foreign origin un- ... special dispensation. The people- ... book committee can cover the ... of the spectrum."

... we want to send out 5,000 copies of ... we can," Mr. Strauss said. "We ... reading groups all over—there are ... of them in the Far East—and we ... the 185 USIA libraries in foreign ... As a rule, we buy from publish- ... price, but they sometimes give us ... and we also buy sheets at cost ... them bound. The H. Wolff print- ... have bound many of these free ... contribution. Senator Benton has ... hundreds of sets of the Encyclo- ... Britannica. The Chinese and the ... are grinding out books for foreign ... like crazy, and selling them ... little as 5 cents apiece. We have to ... this competition. Each of our 83 ... to-people committees is a tax-free ... organization."

... Strauss added that his committee ... to send treatises on nursing and ... to Africa, and that he was in ... with the Soviet Writers ... in Moscow, through which he hoped ... books requested by it into the Mos- ... Public Library. "The Navy has been ... cooperative," said Mr. Strauss, who is an ... of this armed service. "On one ... it delivered our books by destroy-

... FOR ADJOURNMENT TO 11
A.M. TOMORROW.

... MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ... unanimous consent that when the ... concludes its business tonight, it ... to meet at 11 o'clock tomorrow ...

... THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without ... it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

... MANSFIELD. Mr. President, for ... of the Senate, I should ... attention to the schedule for ... and the remainder of the

... at the conclusion of morn- ... there will be consideration ... Calendar."

... that there will be considera- ... noncontroversial meas- ... Nos. 563 to 583, inclu-

... it is proposed that the ... consider Calendar No. 558, ... the Federal Communications ... will be handled by the senior

... Following that, it is proposed that the ... will then consider Calendar No. ... S. 901, the oceanography bill.

... Following that, it is proposed that the ... will consider Calendar No. 517, ... H.R. 3274, the travel and allowances ...

... Following that, it is proposed that the ... will consider Calendar Nos. 558 ... to 562, inclusive, relating to interstate ...

... Following that, it is anticipated that ... the foreign aid bill will be laid before ... the Senate for consideration in the latter ... part of this week.

... Furthermore, at the first available ... opportunity, I hope before the usual 3 ... days layover of appropriations bills, we ... will move to consider the appropriation ... bills affecting independent offices and ...

... Mr. SALTONSTALL. Mr. President, ... will the Senator yield?

... Mr. MANSFIELD. I yield.

... Mr. SALTONSTALL. Does the Sena- ... mean that the appropriation bills ... will come ahead of some of the others ... that he mentioned when their time is ... up so that they can be considered?

... Mr. MANSFIELD. It is possible.

... Mr. SALTONSTALL. The bills will ... then probably be considered this week?

... Mr. MANSFIELD. It is possible; but ... in view of the fact that certain Sena- ... tors would like to look over the bills ... for the usual 3 days, both bills would ... require until Saturday. If the Senator ... wishes a Saturday session to handle the ... appropriation bills, I shall be more than ... glad to comply with this request.

... Mr. SALTONSTALL. Will the Sena- ... tor yield for one additional question?

... Mr. MANSFIELD. I yield.

... Mr. SALTONSTALL. Does the act- ... ing minority leader correctly under- ... stand that the nominations tomorrow ... will be the nominations on which there ... will be discussion concerning the Civil ... Rights Commission?

... Mr. MANSFIELD. There will be ... some discussion, yes.

... Mr. SALTONSTALL. Therefore ... those nominations will be considered?

... Mr. MANSFIELD. Does the Senator ... desire a Saturday session?

... Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, will ... the Senator yield?

... Mr. MANSFIELD. I yield.

... Mr. ELLENDER. Can the majority ... leader tell us the day on which the for- ... eign aid bill will be laid before the ... Senate?

... Mr. MANSFIELD. We hope to lay ... the bill before the Senate on Friday.

... Mr. ELLENDER. There will be no ... discussion at that time?

... Mr. MANSFIELD. Very little.

... Mr. SALTONSTALL. Voting will ... take place next week?

... Mr. MANSFIELD. I presume the ... Senate will devote a day or so to dis- ... cussion of the foreign aid bill before ... reaching consideration of the proposed ... amendments. But if the Senate con- ... venes early enough Friday, there may be ... some discussion. The answer to the

... the bill is laid before the Senate.

... Mr. ELLENDER. Does the Senator ... expect any votes on Friday?

... Mr. MANSFIELD. Not on Friday.

MILITARY ANTI-COMMUNIST SEM- INARS AND STATEMENTS

... Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, de- ... spite the fact that communism is at war ... with us in the United States in a pro- ... tracted conflict—more total than any ... conflict before experienced on this planet ... in that it is psychological, political, ... economic, diplomatic, subversive, and ... military in nature—there is irrefutable ... evidence that many in our midst do not ... understand that we are indeed at war ... and that our liberties and our very sur- ... vival as a nation hang in the balance. ... Too many, including persons in positions ... of high trust, neither fully realize the ... nature of the conflict nor the nature of ... the enemy which opposes us. Repeat- ... edly, I encounter people who dismiss our ... lack of knowledge about the enemy with ... the ready assumption that everyone ... knows the enemy. This fact was ... brought home to me emphatically last ... Friday, when the Assistant Secretary of ... Defense for Public Affairs, Mr. Sylvester, ... stated on the telephone these exact ... words: "Oh, Senator, everyone knows ... the enemy."

... Mr. President, anyone who does know ... the enemy must necessarily know also ... that everyone does not know the enemy. ... Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the ... Federal Bureau of Investigation and ... author of "Masters of Deceit," a most ... knowledgeable work on communism, ... stated:

... We cannot hope to successfully meet the ... Communist menace unless there is a wide ... knowledge and understanding of its aims ... and designs.

... Implicit in this statement of Mr. ... Hoover's is the realization that there is ... no wide knowledge and understanding of ... Communist aims and designs.

... The events of recent years provide ... unimpeachable proof that we do not ... understand the nature or methods of ... Communists and communism. Had we ... understood and appreciated the menace ... of communism, we would not today be ... suffering from the losses of our blind ... negotiations at Yalta and Potsdam. ... Had we understood and recognized com- ... munism when we saw it, we would never ... have made the mistake of officially ... characterizing the Red Communist Chi- ... nese as "agrarian reformers." Had we ... the ability to detect a Communist and ... a Communist movement, Castro would ... never have had our support in estab- ... lishing a Communist dictatorship over the ... Cuban people 90 miles from our shores. ... No, Mr. President, if we as a people un- ... derstood communism and Communist ... tactics, we would never have fallen prey ... to subversion at the hands of Alger Hiss, ... the Rosenbergs, Greenglass, Fuchs, or ... Harry Dexter White, and the many ... other Communist spies and agents who ... were caught—not to mention the many